







HOPEWELL CHURCH RECORDS
WAYNE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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I find that the minutes and the lists of members do not agree in places. Members were added to the lists with no mention in the minutes, or vice verso, so the time periods for the lists are not firm.

PACE	CTALTS	ENDS	APPINOX, PERIOD GOVERED
A	John Atteberry	Polly Eutler )	1845-1854
B	Pheby Butler	Felix Potter )	1042-1124
C	John Atterberry	Wm. Wheeler	1854-1860
D.	J. W. Baird	Catherin Hodg	1960-1865
S	J. W. Beard	wife Aterbary	1865-1870
19	J. V. Paird	Margaret Murphy	abt. 1870
G	J. W. Raird	Harv H. Muscrave	1871-1874

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Richard, B, C, D, E Sarah, A Sari, C	Kennedy, Elizabeth - D Nancy - D, E, F Kimnel, Elder John - B
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Lucy (Bird), E, F, G Blissit, Anna, B Martha, D, E, F, G Sary Jane, C. D Solomon, A, C, D, E	McCullough, Julia - A Polly - A, C, D, E, F, G Wm A, B Martin, Abraham - B Elizabeth - D
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Rhodes, Isaac - E, F, G

Martha A. - D, E, F, G

Simpson, Isabel - E, G Smith, Mary - G Slade - G

Tombs, Mary - D, E, F, G Rebecca - D, E, F, G Wm. - D, E, F

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ARTICLES OF FAITH UPON WHICH THIS CHURCH IS CONSTITUTED BKING THE

FAITH OF THE LITTLE WABASH ASSOCIATION ((Dometat the place of George Close, Wayne County, Illinois, August the 5th,1820)
Article I We believe in one only living and true God; the Father, the Word, and the Holy Chost.

2nd We believe that the Scriptures of the old and New Testament are of Divine Authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3nd We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and that all Adam's posterity are sinners by nature, and that they have neither will nor power to deliver themselves fron their condemned and sinful state by their ability which they possess by nature.

4th We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the wor ld.
5th We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by

the imputed righteousness of Christ

6th We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that good works are the fruits of the faith of God's elect, and follow after they are born of the spirit of God, and only justify them declaratively and are evidences of their gracious state.

7th We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace and never fall

finally away

Anna Blissit

8th We believe that baptism and the Lords Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that the only true mode of baptism is by emmersion.

9th We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment

10th We believe that the punishments of the wicked and the joys of the

righteous will be eternal

lith We believe that not Mininster has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel only such as have been regularly baptised called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery by the authority of the Church of Christ.

12th We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or Lords Day and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and thaton it we should abstain from our worldly

concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.

The names of the following were under the Phrase "done at the place of George Close Wayne County Illinois August the 5th 1820":

James Bird Kary Watkins
Stephen Coonrod Keomi Close
William Watkins James Taylor acting clerk
John Coonrood
Susan Bird



THE LIST OF PLACES OF HOLDING ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE REGULAR BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST (State of Illinois)

In the year of our Lord 1845 it was held with the Mt Gilead Church, White Co.
In the year of our Lord 1846 it was holden with Mt Pleasant, White County
In the year Ad 1847 it was held with Long Prairie, Edwards Co., Ill.
In the year AD 1848 it was holden with Hopewell Church, Wayne Co., Ill.
In the year of our Lord 1849 it was holden with the Mount Hope Church,
(I believe they mean New Hope Church) in White Co., Ill.

In the year of our Lord 1850; it was holden with the Burnt Prairie Church Wayne County, Illinois; In the year 1851 it was holden with the Long Prarie Church; Edwards Co In the year 1852 it was holden with New Hope Church, White Co., Illinois In the year 1853 it was holden with Little Flock Hickory Hill, Wayne Co. In the year 1854 with the Providence Church, Wayne Co., Illinois In the year 1855 with Mt. Pleasant Church White County, Illinois In the year 1856 with Burnt Prarie Church, Wayne County, Illinois In the year 1857 with Long Prarie Church, Edwards County, Illinois In the year 1858 with Mt. Pleasant Church, White County, Illinois In the year 1859 with Hopewell, Wayne Co., Illinois In the year 1860 with Providence, Wayne Co., Ill. In the year 1861 with Long Prarie, Edwards County, Illinois In the year 1862 with Mt Pleasant, White County, Illinois In the year 1866 with Hopewell , Wayne County, Illinois (I do not know why the gap from 1862-1866. Could it be because of the Civil War) In the year 1867 with Little Wabash White County, Illinois In the year 1868 with the Long Prarie Edwards County, Illinois In the year 1869 with Buck Prairie, Edwards County, Illinois In 1870 with Grayville (a town on the Big Wabash River) In 1871 with Mt. Pleasant White County, Illinois In 1872 with Little Wabash, White County, Illinois



RULES OF DECORUM OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LITTLE

WABASH ASSOCIATION -Hopewell Record Book 1845

lst we do agree that the church meet once a monthand that meeting open at twelve Oclock by singing & prayr, & sitting in conference 2nd The moderator shall first procede to invite visiting Brethren belonging to the Baptist Union in good standing to a seat with us; and then to procede to inquire for peace and refference. 3nd The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order & shall have a right to call order at any time.

4th Only one person shall speak at a time & shall arise from his seat & address the moderator when he is about to speak.

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5th The member thus speaking shall not be in errupted unless he deviate from subject in hand, & any motion made & seconded shall come under the consideration of the church unless withdrawn by him who made it. 6th When any motion is taken up by the Church & and the question called for; the moderator shall take the que stion and pronounce the decision.

7th No member shall speak more than three times to any subject without

leave of the Church.

8th The moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member if his scat be filled but shall have no vote unless the church

be equally divided.

9th Any member nowingly suffer their children to go to dancing frolicks while under there tuition shall be dealt with as in other offences - 10th Any member failing to fill his seat on days of business shall shew cause for there none attendance, and give satisfaction if called on. 11th Any member reflecting on the judgment of the Church shall be dealt at the ddiscretion of the Church - 12th All motions shall be decided by a majority except that of fellowship

12th All motions shall be decided by a majority except that of fellowship-13th Any member absenting themselves while in Church conference without leave of the Church shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Church

14th Any member violating these rules shall be reproved at the discretion of the Church---- done by order of the Church



In the early 1800's there was a number of Regular Ba ptist Churches formed in Southern Illinois. The minutes of the Church Records at first called them "Regular Baptist Church of Christ". Then would be added the local name Regular Baptist Church of Christ of Hopewell, of Mt. Pleasant, of New Hope, White County, of Bucks Prairie, of Long Prairie, of Edwards County, of Mt. Gilead, of Little Flock of Hickory Hill, of Little Mabash, of Hirk's Prairie, of Pleasant Union, of Salem, and later of Carmi, of Launie, of Crossville, and of Calvin.

Hopewell Church was organized at "the place of George Close, Wayne County, Illinois August the 5th 1820." Those in attendance were:

James Bird
Stephen Coonrod
Weomi Close
James Taylor, acting Clerk
John Coonrod

(Taken from Church Records)
copied as near the original as possible

"At our March meeting in the year of our Lord 1845 in consequence of a desturbance (disturbance) in the church elder John Kimmel being conerned (concerned) in it, andthe Church deviding (dividing) at that time, they having the Church Book in their possession and refusing to give it up we therefore lost our records for several years, ----

Jany 18th day 1845 Curch meeting

Susan Bird

Anna Blissit

The regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, met and after divine Service; proceded to appoint brother John Hunsinger MD (Moderator) protem; to invite visiting brethen to a Seat in council and 3 inquired for peace and refferences, 4 on motion took up a charge against Elder John Kimmel from report, for having made false Statements, at a Mr Clarks J P where a trial was pending between himself & brother David Stewart; as admr (Administrator) of Jonathan Stewart. the Church appoint Brethren to wit William McCullough S. Pendleton, B Pendleton, J Dorris, H. Meeks, & J Atterberry as a committy; to examine in to the truth of the matter & the committy, after gaining all the information thay could at present, reported that they believe there was Some grounds for the charge, and on motion of the Church the case is referred till next meeting for trial; & say they request the Bro Clerk to write to Sister Christena Milliams; & Bro Mm Brown members of the little Wabash Church to atten our next meeting as witnesses; in the case also request Bro D Stevart; and Bro Joel Hume to attend with us at that time. 5th they say the next meeting to be at the Schoolhouse near Mm McCullough oth on application of Bro Malker a letter of dismission was granted to Sister El? Wilson and the Bro Clerk authorised to Write Said letter - Fisie: (Fliza maybe - wife + Henton

The Regular Baptist Church of Christ met at Hopewell, on Saturday before the 3 Lords day in February A D 1845, and after prayer proseeded to 2 business to appoint Brother John Hunsinger; MD protem, 2 to inquire for peace & references, 3 took up the refference from last meeting, respecting the charge against Elder John Kimmel, and agree to mend said minits so as to read in making false Statements, at a Mr Clarks J P (Justice of Peace) by Saying that Johnathan Stewart,



forgive him a certain debt, on meeting of him at a Mr Arter Milliams ferry, when Said Stewart was horse hunting it being the debt then in question, 4 after having the testimony, relating to the matter, agree to refur the matter to a committy, consisting of the following named Brethmen to wit; Mm McCullough Saml Pendleton; Pradi Meeks, Harden Meeks, Lapsley Hall, Nathan Atterberry, Solomon Blissit who reported back not agreed; 5th the Church then voting on it a majority say retain him in fellowship Elder John Kimmel, then adjourn till time and place appointed.--

March the 15 day 1845 Church meeting The regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met at the School house near Br Wm McCulloughs- Elder John Kimmel being under Sensure of the Church; and also under dealing, went forward and sung and praid; and contended for the moderators place and the Church urged on him to take his seat and let the Church choose her Moderator & he would not therefore a majority of the Church, withdrew to Brother Wm McCulloughs, to wit the following Bpothers and Sisters. S Blisset J W Baird & Wife; L Hall & Wife; Wm McCullough & Wife; Isaah Jalker; Sarah Meeks; J Atterberry & Wife; Mary Watkins; Mary McCullough; Jane Hurl (Harl); Dicy Murphy; the above named Brothers and Sisters; taking there seats & after prayer proceded to business, first, the Church say that Br Whi McCullough serve them as Hoderator. & Jno Atteberry as Clk (Clerk) for the present day. 2nd the Church Say that She continue the Charge against Elder John Kimmel for failing to give general Satisfaction to the Church at our last meeting. 3 on motion the Church Say that She call on four of hir Sister Churches; for helps; to wit; Mt. Pleasant, Burnt Prarie; Mt. Taber; & New Hope and appoint the following brethern to see them, Br I Walker, to Mt Pleasent, J W Baird to New Hope; L Hall to Burnt prarie & ht Taber .- 4 on motion the Church took up a charge agai st Elder John Kimmel; for not adhering to the rules of the Church. then adjourned; till time & place - John Atterberry Clk protem. Wm McCullough D MD

March the 19th 1845 Call meeting for business the regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, met at Bro S Blissits; and after divine Service, proceded to business the Church appoint Bro J. Atterberry MD & Isaiah Walker clk for the day 2 on meticn & Second the Church Say that She notify Elder John Kimmel to attend with us at our next meeting in corse to be at this place & Br S Blissit & Jno Atterberry attend to the Same. --- Jno Atterberry ED protem Isaiah Walker Clk prt at Hopewell

The regular Baptist Church of Christ met on Saturday before the third Sunday in April 1645 at Bro S Blissits & after worship proceded to business 1st called on Elder Charles Mhiting MD prt & Bro John Hunsinger Clk protem.2nd to invite visiting brethern to a seat in council with us 3th to inquire for peace & references; 4th after reading the procedings from two of the last meetings, took up the charge against Elder John Kimmel, & called for the helps from Et. Pleasant, who were present, to wit; A C Hunsinger, John Williams; Charles Sexton. Burnt Prairie T (for Tolliver) Simpson, R S Gray, Jefferson Murphy; New hope Church John Carter, Miles Carter, & Richard Upton; Mt Taber Church, James Sims; Abram Marten, the afore named brethren being present, were received as helps, with this Church, to act as a committy in Settling the difficulty existing in Sd Church; the Church Says they



request the Sd committy to hear the testimony and Say whether the charge against Elder John Kimmel, has bin supported or not & report back to Said Church. their decision. Said charge against Said Kimmel exists in the following, for making false statements at a Mr Clarks JP in Saying bro Johnathan Stewart, formave him a certain debt on meeting of the Sd Stewart at a Mr Arther Williamses when Said Stewart was hunting of his horses, Said debt being then claimed against the Said Kimmel, by bro David Stewart, Administrator, of J Stewart bro Kimmel being duly notified & not appearing, the commity proceded to hear the evidence & after with drawing a few minutes returned and Say they consider the charge fully sustained against Elder John Kimmel, taken up by Hopewell Church the Church Say they exclude Said Kimmel from the fellowship of this Church and she no more accountable for his conduct; it is further agreed by this Church to appoint bro John Atterberry and S Blissit to wait on the Said Kimmel and demand his credentials,—5 agreed to hold our mext meeting at 3 Blissits. John Hunsinger Clk protem, Charles Whiting ND protem

Eay 17th 1845 the Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell, met according to appointmentand after divine service; proceeded to business; first appoin ed brother Israel Dewoy ND for the day; & Jno Atterberry Clk 2nd callef for peace and references 3 the Church Say that she discharge by John Atterberry and S Elissit as discharging their duty in calling on John Kilmel for his credentials, which he refused to give up, 4 the church Say that she write a friendly letter to Br Whiting and Br Williams, to attend us at our next Leeting in corse to be at Fr John Atterberrys, then adjourned till time & place apointed.

J Atterberry Clk proton I. Devie LD protem

June 14th 1845 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ. at Hopewell met according
to appointment & after divine Services set in order (the writer always
makes a capital "3") but for convenience I am going to discontinue
making capitas "3" for small words in the middle of sentences.) 1st to
Bro S Williams md protem J Atteberry Clk protem 2nd on motion the
Church say that Brother Eccullough, Bro Walker, Bro Baird, bro Hall,
bro Blisset & br J A beberry see those browers & Sisters that has not
met with us the three last meetings, & request them to attend with
us at our next meeting in course; and appoint Sister Close & Sister
McCullough to see Sister Kinmel & request hir to attend at our next
meeting to bee at the School house near bro McCulloughs, then adjourned
to time and place. Bro S. Williams md protem. J Atterberry Clk protem

July the 19th 1845 Church Meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, & after divine Service set in order ——1st the Church say Bro John Hunsinger be our moderator to day & John Atterberry Clk 2nd the charge taken up against Mary Kimmel and she excluded, for deniing fellowship with the Church ——3nd a charge taken up against S Pendleton & Wife, B Pendleton, N Atterberry, Harden Meeks & Wife Granville Palmer, & James Davis & Wife, (could be James Doris & Wife. The "v" looks like two "R's"for aytending with Kimmel in disorder, & absenting themselves from the Church the three last meetings, and the Church appoint bro McCullouch, L Hall, to see S Pendleton & Wife, B Pendleton, Sister Carter: Harden Meeks & Wife & ...

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& J Atterberry & J W Baird to see Granville Palmer & James Davis(or Dorris) & Wife, N Atterberry, & request them toattend with us at our next meeting in course & give satisfactin for their non attendance with us 4th agree that I. Walker, J W Baird prepair a letter to the next association; and present it at the next meeting for inspection; & agree to send one dollar, for minits, then adjournd till time & place, appointed Jno Hunsinger Md & J Atterberry Clk

August the 16th day 1845 Church meeting

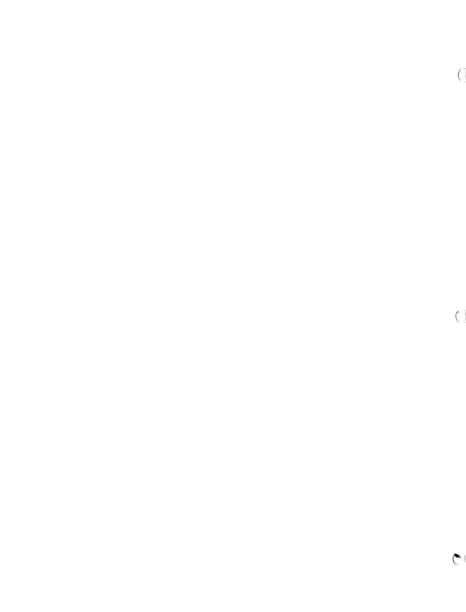
the Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell persuent to adjournment, & after prayr set in order 1st the reference took up against the brethren & Sisters, that hasnot attended with us, & the brethren discharged that went to see them 2nd the Church say that Benjamine Pendleton, Nathan Atterberry, Granville Palmer, Harden Meeks & Wife is no more of us & is excluded from us. the case of S Pendleton & Wife, Sister Carter J (here it looks like J Doris & Wife) refered til some future period 3th on motion the letter to the association called for and received also appointed brother I. Walker J W Baird, & Wm McCullough to bear our letter to the association; & in case of failure bro L Hall; 4th the Church say our next meeting in course be at the meeting house, I.Walker Md protem, J Atterberry Clk

September 20th 1845 Church meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment and after divine service proceeded lst appointed Elder S Williams
Moderator & bro Israel Dewey Clk 2 the reference called for
against brother Doris & wife, & Sister Carter & they excluded for
refusing to hear the voice of the Church, & setting with Kimmel in
a Church capasity and him Excluded from the Church 3nd took up a
charge against Samuel Pendleton & wife, & Sister Felix, for attending
with Kimmel in disorder & appointed bro Lc Cullough & Jno Atterberry
to see them, & request them to attend our next meeting. 4 appointed
bro L Hall second trustee of Hopewell Church, then adjourned till time
& place appointed. Stephen Williams Md protem Israel Dewew Clk protem

October the 19th 1845 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist church of Christ of Hopewell met at bro S Blissits
& after divine service proceeded 1st the church say that Elder
Stephen Williams, stand mod; for the present day; 2nd invited
visiting brethren to a seat in council with us 3nd inquired for
peace & refferences 4th the charge called for against brother S
Pendleton& wife & Sister Felix, at our last meeting, the brethren
appointed to see & talk to the above named brother & Sister report

that the have seen bro Pendleton & from what he says they were satisfied it was not with while to attempt to restore them 5th the church say that Bro S Pendleton & wife are no more of our body & we hold our selves no longer accountable for their conduct oth appoint brother L Hall to see Sister Felix; & report at our next meeting 7th a letter of dismission, granted to sister Elizabeth Atterberry & the Clk requested to writeone, 8th the Church say hir next meeting be at the school house near bro EcCulloughs Elder S Williams Ed E C Hord Clk protem

November the 15th 1845 Church meeting The regular baptist Church of Christ at hopewell met, according to appointment & after prayr set in order first the refferences of Sister Felix  $1a^{\rm id}$ 



over & Sister Close appointed to see hir & report hir mind towards the Church 2nd the Church say bro J W Baird be hir Clerk; eth the Church say bro I. Jalker be hir standing Moderator for Mopewell Church. Isiah Wilker Mdr T. Simpson Clk pro (Tolliver Simpson

December the 20th 1845 Church meeting

The regular baptist Church of Christ met at divine service set in order 1st invited visiting breakhren to a seat in council with us. 2nd called for peace a refference 3th business called for & the church say hir next meeting be at the schoolhouse near pro Mc Culloughs then adjourned to time & dace Israel Devey Md Prot JW Baird Clk

(from now on I will copy the business part only)

January 17th day 1846

3th business called for, then taken into consideration our losing of our church book inconsequence of desturbance taking place at our last March meeting in which case we lost our records for some years past, then adjourned to time & place appointed Islaih Walker md Jacob W Baird Clk

February the  $14~\rm day~18\%$  Church meeting The church sit in conference, say that or next neeting in course be at the School house near an McCulloughs—Isaiah Malker Md J W Baird Clk

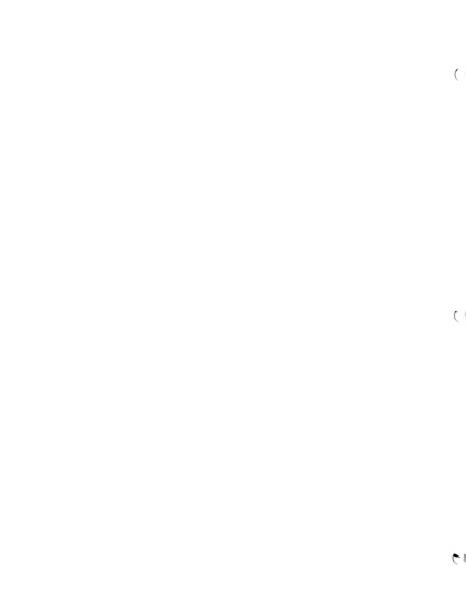
Earch the 14th day 1840. Church meeting 3nd business called for, A the Church say our news meeting be at the meeting house, then adjourned to blue a place appointed 1. Walker Ed. J. W Baird Clk

April the 18th day 1846 Church Meeting 3nd the refirrence of dister Felix took up and Sister Close; & Sister McCullough; appointed to see Sister Felix and report at our next meeting in course, & a letter received from our Sister Church Leav Hore for our friendly helm in council in their next meeting, the letter received; and J d Baird & brethren in McCullough Ino Atterberry, & I. Malker, volunteered to go at the request of our Sister Church hew Hope then adjourned to time and place in corse L.Malker Ld J d Baird & D. W. Baird &

Hay 15 1846 Church meeting
2nd peace and references called for and the reference of Sister Felix
took up & Sister Felix is expeld from us and is no more under our
watch and care. Indirectly define the formulation of the population of the populati

Isaih Walker md J W Baird Clerk

June 20 1846 Church meeting 3 a door opened for the reception of members and received Mancy Ming by letter, then adjourned till time and place



July 17th day 1846 Church meeting.
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ as lopewell met on friday before the 3 Sundar in July 1846 (after peace and references came) 4 the refference of the Ordination of Brother Isaiah Salker taken up and refered until tomorrow 5 the curch say the Clerk prepair a letter to the association arainst meeting then adjourned till tomorrow J W Baird Clerk Stephen Williams MDr

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Saturday July 18th day 1846

1st to chose Brother J Doty as moderator 2 visiting brethren invited to a seat with us 3 the refference of the ordination of Brother Isaiah Malker took up from visterday, and the presbatry received from our Sister Churches; from Long Prairie Elder Jerrymiah Doty, and Elder C. S. Madding, from Mt Gilead Elder Jem Thomas, and from Mt. Pheasant brethren Adam C. Hunsinger and Landron (Landon) Kelly, the Church received Elder Jerrymiah Doty and Elder C S Maden (Madding) from Long Prairie and Elder Jem Thomas from Mt edilead and brethren Adam C Hunsinger and Landron Kelly from Mt Pleasant, as a presbytry; the presbatry then proceeded to the examination of brother Isaiah Malker, and then to the Ordination of him to the administration of the Gosbel, and its ordinances the Church then opened a door for the reception of members, then adjourned til time and place in course

J W Baird Clk Jerymiah Doty Mdr
July 19th day 1846

the above named Fresbatrie give up to Brother Isaiah Walker his Credentials in the presents of the Church at their request.

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August 15 day 1846 Church meeting

The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to appointment, and after divine service proceeded to business first to invite visiting breshren so a seat in council with us. 2 peace and refferences celled for 3 the refference of the Church letter called for, and the letter read and received by the Church to be our letter to the association 4 the church say that Elder I. Walker Br L Hall & J W Baird bear this our letter and contrabution. In the Church say we send one dollar contrabution, the Church then adjourned till time and place in course. J J Baird Clerk & I. Walker Foderator

September 19 day 1846 Church Meeting (Order of business as usual) 3 the next meeting to be at Jesse Murpheys, then adjourned to time & place J J Baird Clerk & I. Walker modr

November 14 day 1846 Church meeting The Regular Baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell (business as usual) 3nd a request from Haw Creek Church to help the come to a disolve, at their next meeting the Church say sho answer their request by sending Elder I. Walker and brethren Wha McCullough and J W Baird, to be at their next meeting, 4 the Church say the next meeting be at the School house, near McCulloughs then adjourned I. Walker Md J W Baird Clk



Dec 19th 1846 Church Neeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ at Hopewell met according to
appointment; and after singing & prair set in order 1st visiting
brethren invited to a seat with us; 2nd mace & references called for
and find all in peace; 3 the Church say hir next meeting be at
Br L Halls then adjourned J W Baird Clk Isaiah Walker mdr

Jany the 16th day 1847Church meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Christ met according to appointment
2nd peace and references called for and find all in peace Church say
hir next meeting be at Br Blissits then adjourned till time and place
J W Baird Clk Isaiah Walker mdr

February 20 1847
)order of business as usual ) 2nd the Church say Br Predi Meeks and J W Baird see Sister Polly Butler and request her to attend our next meeting and assign reasons for hir mone attendance with us and answer for some reports in circulation about hir; also that Br Meeks and Br Hall see Sister Buckels and request hir to attend our next meeting and give reasons for her name attendance with us 4th the Church says that adubt (adopt) the articles of faith of the Skillet fork association for theirs, the adjourned — Isaiah Walker MDr J W Baird Clk

March 20 1847 Church meeting (order of business as usual) 2nd the references of Sister Polly Butler remains for next meeting 3 the refference of Sister Buckels took usuand she considered no more of us then adjourned J J Baird Clk I. Walker mdr

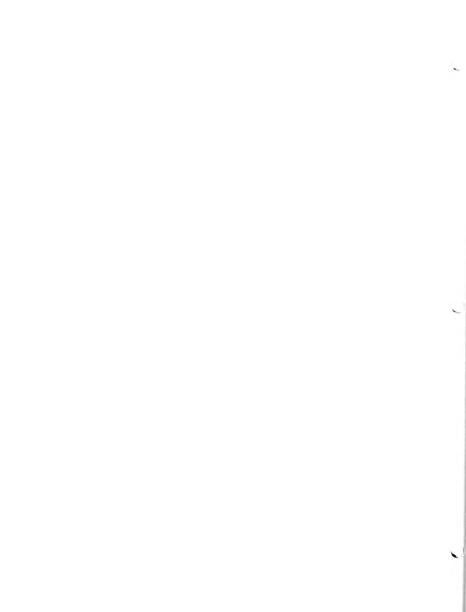
April 17 1847 Church Meeting (order of business as usual) place and reference called for & the fefference of Sister Polly Butler left for next meeting 2nd the Church say they have a yearly meeting the friday before the 3 Sunday in August next and that we address a letter to Elder J Doty and C S Madden. Likewise to Elder Stephen Williams to be with us on that ocassion then adjourned Isaiah Walker MDr J W Baird Clk

May 15th day 1847 Church Meeting (order of business as usual) 3 the refference of Sister Polly Butler read and discharde taken up against hir, and the Church say Polly Butler is nor more a member with us, then adjourned till time and place in course J W Baird Clk I. Jalker Hod

June 19 day 1847 Church met July 17 1847 Church met sent one dollar contribution for the association: Church met August 13th day 1847 Cct 16 day 1847 Churchmet and agreed to meet at Jesse Murphys next time November the 20 day 1847 Church met and agreed to meet at "Br S Blissit" next time

December the 18 1847 Church meeting (order of business as usual) 3 a door was opened and received by experience Anna Blissit. 4 received a letter from our Sister Church at Mt Tabor requesting aid to come to a disolve, and we answered their request by sending Br I. Malker, L hall, and JW Baird to meet them on Saturday before the 2 Sunday in Jany 1848 the Church say our next meeting be at Br Hall, then adjourned (Clerk and moderator as above)

Jany 15 1848 (order of business as usual) next meeting to be at br  $P_{\mbox{ridi Meeks}}$ 



Feby 19 day 1848 Church meeting 3 business called for the Church say that she send two brethren to wit J W Baird and John Atterberry to see old Br Close; and know his reasons for never filling his seat with, and report to next meeting, likewise the Church say Sister Close; and Elizabeth Baird go and see Sister Phobe Butler and know hir reasons for never filling hir seat

March the 18 day 1848 Church meeting order of business as usual) the refference of old brother Close took up, and after hearing all that could be heard on the case the Church say that; old Father Close is no more a member with us, for he denies the faith, and is guilty of disorderly conduct; and never fills his seat with us. 3nd the refference of Sister Phebe Butler laid over to our next meeting in course

April 15 day 1848 Church meeting "the refference of Sister Phebe Butler is left for a future period May 20 day 1848 "All in peace"
June the 17 1848 "All in peace"

July 15 1848 Churchmeeting (order of business as usual) 3 the Church say the Clerk prepair a letter to the Association for inspection at our next meeting, 4 this Church say she answer the request of New Hope Church by volunteers and br I. Walker br Boird, Pradi Hocks, J Atterberry, and Mathan Renfro and then adjourned August the 19 day 1848 "All in Peace".

September the loth 1648 (order of business as usual) 3 a door was

September the loth 1848 (order of business as usual) 3 a door was opened for the reception of members and received Richard Atterberry and Eliza his wife by experience; then adjourned

October the 14th 1848 Brother Isaiah Walker requested a letter of dismission which was granted him.

November the 18th 1848 the refference of Sister Pheby Butler took up and the two Sisters discharged (to see her) and the refference left as it was, 2nd a letter received from the brethren at the Hickory hill (probably Little Flock Church, Hickory Hill township) and answered by sending brebhern Pradi Meeks, S Blissit and Bro Baird to meet with them.

December 15th 1848 2nd the refference of Sister Phebe Butler, discontinued. then adjourned til time and place in course J W Baird mo pro and Clk March the 17 1849 "find all in peace"

April the 14 day 1849 request Brother Potter to serve us as moderator. Brother Potter mod protem

Hav the 11 day 1849 "All in Peace"

with us. and report at our next meeting

June the 15th day 1849 "All in peace" opened a d or for the reception of members and received Br Felix Fotter by letter

July 14 day 1849 "All in peace"

Aug 18th 1849 "the curch say she send one dollar contrabution to the Association and the church brethren EcCullough Baird and Hall be the delegates. September the 15th 1849 All in Peace

Oct the 15 day 1849 All in peace the Church say or next meeting be at brother Blissits

Nov 17th 1849 the next meeting to be at J W Baird

December the 15 1849 the Church say our next meeting be at Bro P. Meeks



Dec the 15th 1649 no new business next meeting to be held at Br P. Meeks then adjourned

Jan 19th 1850 "door was opened for the reception of members and received Elder Isainh Julier by letter, also Sister Folly Martin came forward and was restored into fellowship by the Church. 4 the Church say our next meeting be at Er Richard atterberry Junr then adjourned in peace Felix Potter and J J Baird Clk

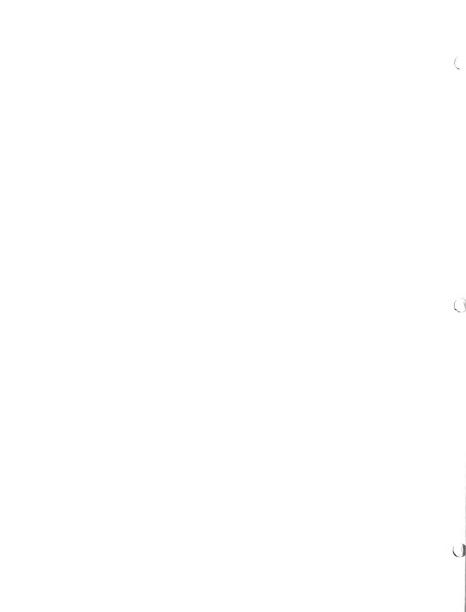
Jany the 20 1850 the door of the church being opened from yesterday; received Sister Mancy Macks by letver lik

February the loth day 1850 "Church say our new meeting at Br Blissits;

March the lith 1850. Church received Sister Elizabeth Fotter by letter 4th the Church  $\exp[\ln t]$  will build a nesting house after the model of Mt Fleasant meeting house and the Church appoint L Hall Solomon Blissit and J. J. Baird a building consistory to select a place to build on and report at our next heesing

April 20 day 1850 Conditty drew to a su seription paper for money to build the Church

May the 18th 1850 the Church say that she send a friendly letter to our Sister Church of Long Frairie, Eduards County, requisiting the, to give in Fotter his cretened is; in the bouels of Christian love. as we do believe the Lord is a making min a blassing so us



June 15th 1850 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell met according
to appointment, and after divine service set in order; lst visiting
bretheren invited to a seat with us; no 2 peace called for; and
Brother John Atteberry, talked to the church about a report, in circulation, about him and his wife; and the church say shr is satisfied
with Brother Atterberry, 3nd the Church say she take up a charge
against Sister Barbary atteberry, for faltsly accuseing hir husband,
of thing that he is inocent of; and she says she send Brethren
Isaiah Walker; F, Potter; and J W Baird to see Sister Atterberry
4 the refference of last meeting called for, and it reported to the
Church; and the Brethren discharged; Long prairie Church granted the
request of our letter; 5 the Church say that the clerk prepare a letter
for the association against next meeting; and that it be inserted in it
that we want the association put back to the time it used to be held;
and then she concluded in peace. Felix Potter mod J W Baird Clk

July 20th 1850 Church meeting
The Regular baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell met according
to appointment, and after singing and prair sit in order 1st visiting
brethren invited to a seat lith us2nd peace and references called
for and the references of the meeting house took up, and the committy
report the sum of one hundred sendollars; and fifty cents, subscribed
for building the meeting house and the committy instructed to go on with
it. 3 the refference, of Sister, Burbary auteberry took, and she called
on to answer to the charge and Sister Atteberry, Tailing to give
satisfaction was excluded from the watch care of this church, and is
no more of us; 4th the letter so the association red and received by
filling, up the blanks; 5 the Church say that preshren F. Potter,
Elder I. Jalker, J. Baird, and in case of failure, S Blissit bear
this letter, and contrabution; and shat one dollar be the sum sent
then concluded in peace. F Potter Hoder J. Baird Clk

August the 17 day 1350 Church meeting
The Re-ular baptist Church of Jesus Christ at Hopewell; met, according
to appointment; and after divine service set in order Ist visiting
brethren invited to a seat with us; no 2 peace and references called
for; and find all in peace; nd3 the Church say that; Br Blissit, and
Br Hall; sell the old meeting house for mast it fill fetch; then
concluded in peace; F Potter modr J J Baird Clk / Church met 14 Sept1850
Church met October the 19, 1850 November 16, 1850 December 14 1850
January 18 1851 Feb 15 day 1851 All these meetings had no new business



March the 15 day 1851 Church meeting (order of business as usual)

3rd item; "then the Church say she put out three sucscription papers to raise funds for our meeting house; one in the hands of Bro John Atteberry; one in the hands of friend John Meeks, and one in the hand of friend Davis Nurphy; the Church gave Bro Isaiah Walker a letter of dismission; then concluded in peace

J W Baird Clk Felix Potter Mcd

Church was held April the 19 day 1851- May the 17 day 1851 - June 14 day 1851
July the 19 day 1851 Churchmeeting when peace and referrences called for "Br Pridi Meeks, brought an accusation against himself which was received. 3nd the Church that the clerk prepare a letter against next meeting for the association for inspection and that we appoint our delegates to the association."

August the 16th day 1851 Church meeting (order of business as usual) the 4th item of business was: "Then Sister, Sally Meeks, requested the Church to strike of hir name from the Church book, which was referred to our next meeting in course F Potter modr J W Baird Clk.

September, the 20 day 1851 Church meeting "the refference of Sister Sally Neeks is continued to next meeting. and the Church say the moderator apoint two members to see Sister Mocks and he say I Hall, & J W Baird, see Sister Meeks, and report at our next meeting, then concluded in peace."

October th 18 day 1851, Church meeting (order of business as usual) 2nd beace & refference called for and the refference of Sister Sally Meeks took up and the report of the Brothren received & the y discharded from that only; then the Church say that she take up a charge against Sister Miks, for reflecting on the judgment of the Church which was lone, then the Church say she send a member to let Sister Miks know that if she has any defence to make she can make it at next meeting; and the Church say Br Richard Atteberry see Sister Meeks and report at our next meeting in course

November 16,1861 Church meeting
"The report of Br Rich and Atteberry respecting Sister Meeks received
and him discharged from that duty 2nd the Church say that refference
be laid over till May meeting; next, then we say our meeting bhis
winter be held at the school house near Silas Wilsons then concluded"

December 20 day 1851- Church meeting- Jany 17th day 1852- Church meeting

February the 14 day 1852 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Hopewell met
according to appointment and after divine service set in order.
1st visiting brethren invited to a seat with us nd2 peace & referrences
called for and find all in peace 3 then a door was opened for the
reception of members & received Brother Abraham Martin by relation and
then concluded in peace

Note the new term "Predestinarian" added at the following month
March the 20 day 1852 Church Meeting
"The Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church of Jesus Christ called Hopewell
met according to appointment."(No new business)



May 15th 1852 Church meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ called Hopewell met --- -references
called for, when Br Blisset laid in a charge aginast himself, first
for sending a note to brother Potter about some money instead of
going to see him his self and then for getting in a pashion (passion)
afterwards; for which things he was sorry and wished the church and
Br Potter to forgive him, for which the church forgave him. then he
laid in a charge against Br Potter for false statements respecting
lent money that Br Potter had not from Br Blissit and about twenty
five cents, that Br Potter did owe him, the charge was taken up by the
Church, and they not feeling themselves able to settle it we agreed to
call on our Sister Churches to wit New hope, Burnt Prarie, and Mount
Pleasant to aid us in this mater -Sister Sally Meeks referred to meeting

June the 19th 1852 Church meeting "Sister Sally Meeks is referred to our next meeting in corse; then the reference of Br Blissit & Br Potter took up and letters and messengers received from Mt Pleasant brethren John Hunsinger, Adam C. Hunsinger, & James Coonrod; from New Hope, Miles Carter, Wm Upton, and Richard Upton & F Nations; & fron Bt Prairie R. S. Gray, Wm Simpson, & Richard Atteberry Senr and they took in Brethren Isham Caudle and J. Eurphy into the committy; after the committy returning to themselves while and hearing all the testimony on both sides, we the committy, upon due consideration believe that Br Blissit had no right of presenting the charge against Br Potter before the church that he did and we do not believe that he sustained such charge; and has thereby injured Br Potter and is in justibe bound to make satisfaction to Br Potter for the same and the Church say she receive the act of the committy 4nd the Church granted Sister Julia McCullough a letter of dismission then adjourned to time in course J W Baird Clerk John Hunsinger MD protem

July the 17 day 1852 Church meeting (order of business as usual) "the Church say Sister Mids case be referred to next meeting and that Sister Eliza Atteberry see Sister Meeds, and request her to attend our next meeting and speak for hir self". (My personal opinion is that Sister Meeks must have been a good paying member or had a good paying husband)

August 14th 1852 Church meeting Br Thomas is chosen as moderator for the day. the third order was "the reference of Sister Meeks red and took up by the Church for investigation and the Church say she rescind the charge taken up by the Church against Sister Meeks; and she is restored in peace with us. 4

the church say she take up a charge against Br Predi Meeks for unchristain like conduct in meeting and the Church say the case of Br Mmbks is referred to next meeting; and that Brethren John Atteberry, Nathan Renfro; and J W Baird labour with Br Meeks and report at next meeting—— the same meeting "Br Pradi Meeks came forward and gave satisfaction to the Church for his outbrake and was restored again; then concluded in peace." Wm Thomas modr protem



September the 18th 1852 Church meeting (order of business called for as usual) 3rd peace and references called for; and Br Blissit rose and said he had done rong with Br Potter and he was sorry for all the rongs he had done to Br Potter then the report of the committy was called for read and discussed; and the church Br Blissit has done all that is required of him to do in the case of Br Potter; and Br Potter would not receive the acknowledgment; then a committy of Brethren to wit John Humsinger R S Gray Richard Atteberry Senr; M. Carter; and J W Baird went out wwith Br Blissit; and Br Potter and tried to reconcile the matter and Br Potter would not have them; they then returned to the house, andd Br Blissit rose a second time and acknoleded he was sorry for all the rongs he had ever done to Br Potter; and the Church was satisfied with the acknowledgement; and Br Potter would not receive it. 4 the minit of the day called for read and received then adjourned til time and place in corse. Br Wm Thomas, mod protem J W Baird Clerk

October the 16th day 1852 (Business as usual) the Church say our next meeting be at the school house near Silas Wiksons 5th the Church say she enter a charge against Br Potter for not going with the Church, in the acknoledgement of Br Blessit, and the charge be refered till next meeting for triel

November the 20 1852 "The refference of Br Potter; red & took up by the Church & the Church say she exclude Br Felix Potter from the fellowship of this Church; therefore we are not accountable for his conduct then came to a close

December 18 1852, church meeting "next meeting be at friend <u>Benjamin Meeks</u>"

January the 14 day 1853 "the next meeting be at Br Halls"

February the 19th 1853 "the Church say our next meeting be at J W Bairds"

March the 19th 1853 " and nothing comeing before the Church; she say our next meeting be at; Br Blissits; then concluded in peace "

April the 16th day 1853 3rd order of business: "the Church say she send two brethren to see Sister Sally Meeks and know hir reasons for not filing her seat at meeting, and they say L Hall and J V Baird go and see Sister Meeks and conclude in peace V V Baird Clerk and modr protem

May the 14 day 1853 "the reference of the numbers sent to see Sister Sally Meeks was read and Br Hall reported that we went to see Sister Sally Meeks; and she was not at home so we did not see her; 2nd then the Church say she do away the reference of Sister Meeks then closed in peace.

July the 16 day 1853 Church meeting

( ( July the 16th day 1853; Church meeting 3rd order of business; "the Church say the clerk prepair a letter to the association against next meeting and present it them; for the inspection of the Church then adjourned till time and place incorse "

August the 20 day 1853 Church meeting 3rd order of business: " the reference of the letter for the association called for, read and received; the Church then apointed brethren J W Baird; L Hall; and S Blissit; and in case of failure, R. Atteberry Junr (Richard Atteberry Junior) and the Church say we send seventy five cents contrabution to the Association and then adjourned Mm Thomas moderator J W Baird Clk

September 17th 1853 Church meeting (order of business as usual) no new business

October time for meeting but no chorum; (Quorem) so nothing done

May Meeting 1854
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ called Hopewell; met according to apointment and after singing and prair set in order; 1st peace and refference called for 2nd business called for, and the Church say she take up a charge against Sisters Barah Atteberry, Sally Meeks; Phebe Butler Susan Jerls (this word must have been spelled according to sound. I cannot think of such a name in this area); and Polly Rolls (Could have been Rawls, perhaps) (the handwriting is readable; but are they spelled right) for declaring an unfellowship for us; by joining a Church of a nother faith and order therefore they are no more of us and we are not accountable for them, adjourned Baird Clk and mdr

June 17 1854 No new business.

July 15th 1854 Church meeting
New business: the Church say our day of meeting be on the Saterday
before the second Sunday instead of the third as has been
-th the Church say she appoint two more trustees, to act with Brother
L Hoel (Hall); and that they be Jacob W Baird and Solomon Blessit

Aug 1854 Churchmeeting New business- the Church sends three delegates to the association and seventy five cents in "contrabution" J W Baird Clk R. S Gray modr pt

Nov 11, 1854 Church meeting 3rd order "Business called for and a motion was made to recind the act of the exclusion of Br Potter; and that we send to Long Prafie and Little flock Churches for helps to aid us in this present difficulty and that J W Baird; & L Hall go to Little flock and Richard Atteberry Jr & N Renfro go to Long Prarie and request helps from them to meet us at our next meeting C H Clay moderator J W Baird Clk

Dec 9 1854 Church meeting new business: 3rd "peace and refference callef for and the reference of Br Potter \_ ?; and the committy received; from Long Prairie J. Doty, S. Doty & Dr Misinghamner; From Little flock C H Clay; I Coddle (Caudle); & S. Atteberry, and they took in John Hunsinger, A C Hunsinger & Miles Carter & Richard Atterberry Senior and that



they set as a committy; the committy retired awhile & then returned & reported that they had done the very best they cold do in the case; & here is the report: We the committy on examination of the proceeding, hold in the case of Br Blissit, & Potter recorded in the Bhurch Book have come to the conclusion that according to the requirements of the went to Br Potter, according to the 18th of Mathew and tried to have given satisfaction to Br Potter & the Church received the report of the committy.4 the Church say Br John Atteberry get a letter of dismission from this church J W Baird Clerk John Hunsinger modr

Jany 13,1855 Church meeting

4th on order: "business called for; & Br Potter gave satisfaction to the Church; & is fully restored; to fellowship with us. John Hunsinger modr J W Baird Clerk

Feby 10, 1855

business was called for, when as letter was received and read from Barbary Atteberry, wishing to be restored to fellowship in this church; & the Church say Sister Barbary Atteberry is restored to fellowship with us; and at hir request we grant hir a letter of dismision from this Church. J W Baird Clk John Hunsinger modr

March 10th 1855 Church meeting Br C H Clay moderator "business was called for; when Br Potter rose & let the Church know that a reconcila tion, had taken place between him and Br Blissit; then closed

April 7th 1855 Church meeting "door was opened for the reception of members & received Sister Julia Ann Friend by letter, then concluded in peace. Appil 8th Received Mancy Reniro by experience

May 12 1855 a door was opened for the reception of members; and received Daniel Baird, Sarah Atteberry; Thomas Reed, and Martha Ann Reed all by experience. 4 the Church say J W Baird is released as trustêe. and that Walker McCullough is apointed a trustee of Hopewell Church in Bairds stead. then concluded in peace.

June 7 1855 Church meeting
Sarah Jane Blessit was received into the Church by experience
4 business called for "and the Church say we change our days of meeting
to the third as it used to be 5 the Church say she receive the deed
made to the Church trustees, for the meeting house ground; then
concluded in peace J Doty modr J Faird Olk

July 1855 "the Church say the clerk prepair a letter to the association by next meeting and we say in our letter, we do not wish to reunite with the little Vabash association on the account of the great distance that some of the churches would have to go.then the Church say she change our days of meeting agin to the second as we had it before then Brother Potter r quested a letter for himself and wife; which was granted then come to a close in peace J Hunsinger mdr



Aug 11 1855 sends three representatives and one dollar to the Association

Sept 10 1855 -- Nov 10 1855 -- No new business

March 1856 "the Church say Br Thomas Reed be an assistant Clerk

April 9,1856 -- May 10 1856 No new business

June 7, 1856-- July 12, 1856- No new business

Sept13, 1856-- Oct 11, 1856--Nov 1856 No new business

Dec 13 1856--Jany 17, 1857- Feb 14, 1857- Received Br Isaiah Walker by letter . (Heas an Elder or minister)

March 14, 1857 Brother Isaiah Walker is "to be our standing moderator"

April 18, 1857 - No new business -- May 16, 1857 "the Church say our July meeting be a communion meeting with us. then closed in peace"

July 14, 1857 - "The church request Br John Hundinger a deacon of Mt Pleasant Church to assistour deacon tomorrow in communion, and we the church say we select one of our members at our next meeting to be deacon with us. I.Walker mdr J W Baird Clk

Aug 15, 1857 "we send a request to Burnt Prairie and Mount Plasant Churches for ministerial aid and deacons; to assist us in the ordination of a deacon at our October meeting and we likewise say our stated times for communion be at our May and October meeting."

Sept 17, 1857 -- Oct17 1857 -- the ordination of a deacon took up the delegates from the following churches to wit; Burnt Prairie R. S. Gray; from Mt Pleasant; J Hunsinger and N Williams; together with Alder Charles Whiting from Little Mabash Church and Brother Miles Carter from New Hope Church which committy together with Hopewell church proceded 1st to choose Elder Charles Whiting moderator and then proceded to the ordination of Br Thomas Aeed

Nov 14, 1857 -- No new business Dec 19, 1857 No new business

Jan 16, 1858 -- Feb 20, 1858--May 15, 1858
March and April wet days no one out
June 19, 1858 --July 17, 1858-- Aug 14, 1858. Send \$1.50and three
delegates to the association

October 1858 "Received a request from our Sister Church called Mt Pleasant by the hands of Br Whiting for aid in their next meeting for the ordination of one minister and two deacons. we answer request.

Feb 19, 1859--March 19, 1859 a door was opened for members and received Harriet Clark by letter and Alexander Clark; and  $\mbox{Wm}$  Wheeler by experience

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March 19, 1859 --April 16, 1859 -- May 14, 1859--no new business July 16, 1859 1- Aug 20, 1859 three delegates picked for the association and \$41.50 in money 3rd "we say we send three members to see Er Pridi Meeks and request him to fill his seat at next meeting "

September 17th 1859 "the reference of Pridi Meeks taken up and the Church say she will act on it then by motion and second the Church say they expell Bro Pridi Meekd from the fellowship of this Church "

October 15, 1859 ---November 19, 1859 - Dec 17th, 1859 no new business Feb 18, 1860--"the church say she grant the request of Mt Pleasant church and send send the following named delegates to assist in the ordination of bro Nathaniel Williams and brother Glade Smith " J W Baird and Wm Delegates from Hopewell Wheeler

Aril 14, 1860 -- May 19, 1860--July 14, 1860-- no new business July 14, 1860 -- Aug 18, 1860- Sends \$1.25 to the association Sept 15, 1860 - Oct 20, 1860 2the church granted Br Walker a letter" November 17, 1860--Dec 15, 1860- no new business

Jany 19, 1861 "a difficulty comeing wun with D K Baird against T Reed a committy was chosen; and they settled it then 2nd the case of Sister Harl with Br Blesit, was taken up and settled then come to close."

Feb 1861-no meeting March 16, 1861- "peace and reff erence called for, when old Sister Baird complained of bad treatment by Br T Reed and of his using unchristain language; when to Church, called a commity of brethren, who with the parties; when Brother Reed admoledge he had done rong in using the language; and the Sister said she would drop it; the Church received the report and retained the Drother 3 the reference of last meeting being settled . 4 the Church called Elder N. Williams to the pastorial care of the Church then closed. J W Baird Clk I. Walker md

April 20, 1861"At therequest of Br Thomas Reed the Church say he is released of the deaconship of this Church."

May 18, 1861 --June 1861-- July 20, 1861 "received a letter from our Sister Church by the hands of Br R 3 Gray & J Martin from Burnt Prarie for helps to disolve that Church at their August meeting. "

August 1861 a door opened for the reception of members & received R S Gray & Susanah Gray by lotter then we say R S Gray be our Deacon to fill our vacancy. We send one dolar and fifty centd to the association. "S. Blisit, R S Gray and Alexander Clark to be delegated "redeived J Martin & Elipabeth by letter"

Sept 14, 1861--Oct 19, 1861-- Nov 16, 1861 "received Br Wm Tooms by letter Dec 14, 1861-- a door was opened for members and received Nancy Kennedy by experience Sunday the 15th the door buill being open and received Nartha Blisit, Priscila Eurphy, Rebecky Tooms; and Elizabeth Kennedy by experience".

Jan4 1862 at a call meeting received Lucy Eurphy by letter and John Eurphy by experience and babtized five then closed in peace.

Jan 18, 1862 a door was then opened for the reception of members; and received Br Isham C udle; and Barah his wife by letter and Predi Meeks by rectoration then closed in peace



August 1865 Church Meeting
The Regular Baptist Church of Christ cald Hopewell met acording
to apointment and after divine service sat in order
1st Visiting brethren invited to a seat with us
2nd Peace and reference cald for
3rd The reference of last meeting taken up
4th The letter read and recevid by filling up the blanks
5th The folowing brethren ware chosen to bare this our letter
Thomas Reed, S. Blissit, Balus Odell N. Williams Moderator, T. Reed Clrk

September 1865 Church Meeting ...."the church apoints the folowing brethren to the office of deacon Balus Odell, John Murphy and apoints the folowing brethren to visit Mount Pleasant S. Bliset R Atteberry and request her ministerial aid at our next meeting for the purpose of ordaining deacons..."

## October 1865

... "thereference from last meeting respecting the ordination of Br John Murphy and Balus Odell as deacons was taken up the committee appointed to visit Mount Pleasant asking for ordained helps made report that they had done so and that Mount Pleasant Church has responded. Elder John Hunsinger, M. Williams, and Lewis Hunsinger were received and together with Br. R. S. Gray and Jacob Baird the old deacons of Hopewell Church were choses as a presbytery to ordain the above mentioned brethren. The committe then organized by apointing Elder N. Williams moderator and John Hunsinger Clerk of the Committee afore named Br John Murphy Balus Odell presented to the committe when after examination proceded to ordain them. Elder John Hunsinger offerein the ordaining prayer. Brother John Hunsinger being further selected to give said deacons their charge as to their duties of said office after which whey were presented to and received by the church extending to them the right hand of fellowship the church then on motion agreeable to the former request of R S. Gray J Baird the former deacons again to releas them from further liability as to said office and adjourned in peace and order"

Feb 1855.... "the Church say Brother B. Odell is their Clerk. The Church say she grants brother Nathan Renfro and Nancy Renfro his wife a letter of dismission also Sister Elizabeth Huntsinger a letter of dismission. Ordered B Odell towrite said letters which he did and handed to them...."

April 14th 1866 ... " the Church say they choose Elder John Huntsinger as Moderator for twelve month. ... "

December 15, 1866...."Peace & reference called for The reference taken up from October meeting and the following Brethren appointed trustees of Hopewell Church to wit brother Solomon Blisit B. Odell P. Meeks (Pridy) done and signed by order of the Church. Balus Odell Clerk. Elder John Hunsinger, moderator Febuary the 15th 1868..."the Church take up a charge against Brother James Day for un Christan lik conduck and apoint the folering brethren to visit said brother and report at our next meeting" Balus Odell Clerk J. Hunsinger Modera tor April 18, 1868. "by notion & second the church excluded brother Day from her fellowship."



## ADDENDA - HOPEWELL CHURCH MINUTES

- June 9, 1862 Received Elizabeth Baird by experience. S. Smith, Mod. J. W. Baird, Clk.
- July 1862 send R. S. Gray, I. Caudle, R. Atteberry and S. Blisit, the alternate to the Assoc. N. Williams, Mod. J. W. Baird, Clk.
- Nov. 15, 1862 Church say she release the former Clerk at his request and apoint Br. T. Reed their Clerk. J. Hunsinger Mod., J. W. Baird, Clk.
- Dec. 20, 1862 motioned and seconded that Brother Baird hand the Church Book of B. Prairie over to his successor in ofis. ? Williams, Mod. T. Reed, Church Clerk.
- June 20, 1863 the Church says she grants Brother J. (?) Martin and Sister Martin their letter.
- Aug. 1863 Door of the church was opend and receivd Brother Friend by lette r. Brother Gray and Brother Baird in cas of failure Brother Bliset and Brother Richard Atteberry (no explanation as to the purpose of these names.)
- April, 1864 Charge taken up against Brother Hall for riotous conduct. The church appoints the following brethren a commity to visit Bro. L. Hall and report at the next meeting. Bro. Baird, Brother Clark. 4th The church agrees to apoint the following Brethren T. Reed, P Meeks, S Blisit Trustees. N. Williams, Mod. T. Reed, Clk.
- June, 1864 Case of Bro. Hall. Church agrees to exclude Bro. Hall. (Note: I believe Balus Odell joined by experience - the name was difficult to decipher.)
- July 1864 Received Mary Tombs by experience.
- Aug. 1864 Following brethren appointed barers, Balus Odell, S. Blisit, T. Reed.
- Oct. 1864 Church say she takes up a charge against Bro. Caudle by report for drinking too much liquor and apointed the following brethren to visit = Balus Odell. Nathan Renfro. P Meeks.
- Nov. 1864 Church discharges Bro. Caudle from her church fellowship.
- Mar. 1865 Received Martha An Rodes by experience.
- Jan. 1866 Grants Bro. Reed's request of letter and Bro. Caudle rite it. Church rescinds her act of last meeting concerning the money made up for the use of Bro. Tombs. Church say she sen the folowing brethren to visit Bro. Howerd and report at next meeting - ? Friend, P Meeks. The church say she releases Bro. Williams from pasterial care of the church. N. Williams Mod., T. Reed, Church Clerk.
- Apr. 1866 Bro. Nathan Renfro and Nancy his wife returned their letter. Received Bro. Holly Hodges by relation.

- May 1866 Motion and second the church take up a charge against Sister Nancy Hall for failing to fill her seat at our regular meeting and denying fellowship with some of our members. Appoint a committee to visit Sister Hall Bro. Ephriam Friend and wife, Bro. Pradi Meeks. John Huntsinger, Mod., B. Odell, C. Clerk.
- July 1866 Reference taken up against Sister Hall. Church excludes Sister Hall. The church liberates Bro. I. Caudle to exercise his gift in a public way.
- Aug. 1866 Following named brethren chosen to bear letter to the Assoc. -Bro. I. Caudle, Solomon Blissit, B. Odell and Bro. Pradi Meeks in case of failure.
- March 1867 Received Isaac Rhodes and Margaret A. Meeks by experience. I. Caudle, Clerk Protem, Elder John Huntsinger
- May 1867 Sister Sarah Wood joined by letter and Manervy V. Day by experience.
- June 1867 Request ministering brethren of Mt. Pleasant and Providence Church to visit us and appoint Bro. I. Caudle and S. Blissit to visit Providence and Bro. J. Copeland and P. Meeks to visit Mt. Pleasant Church. 7th Inasmuch as Bro. Musgraves has absented himself from the church for some time we agree to send Bro. B. Odell, P Meeks and I Caudle to visit said Bro. to obtain his reason and report at next meeting.
- July 1867 Manervy V. Day, J. S. Hodges departed this life in July 1867.
- Aug. 1867 Following chosen to bear letter to the Assoc. Bros. B. Odell, S. Blissit, I. Caudle and in case of failure, P. Meeks.
- Oct. 1867 Sister Mahala Churchwell joined by experience. Wm. Nunn by relation.
- Nov. 16, 1867 During the past week Bro. Alex Clark and Sister Catherine Hodges departed this life.
- May 1868 On Saturday evening at Brother Ishem Codles, Sister Lucey Bird joined by experience.
- June 20, 1868 Church sends I. Codle to Long Prairie; S. Blisit and I. Codle to Litle Wabash; and B. Odell and I. Rhodes to Mt. Pleasant for ministerial aid to attend at our next meeting.
- Aug. 15, 1868 Bro. James Copelan granted letter of dismission.
- Nov. 14, 1868 Bro. Thomas Reed joined by letter. Balus Odell, Church Clerk; Phelix Potter, Mod. Protem
- Mar. 20, 1869 Church appoints Bro. Thomas Reed Trustee of Hopewell Church.

- Apr. 17. 1869 Sary Giford joined by experience.
- Jan. 15, 1870 Resinds the act of receiving Sary Gifferd for failing to comply with the requirements of the church and the mode of baptism.
- May 15, 1870 Bro. Jefferson Murphy and Margaret, his wife, joined by leter. Called Elder James Jones to take the pastorel care of the church for one yeare.
- Aug. 20, 1870 Bro. David H. Day and wife Susan S. (?) Day joined by experience. Sister Isibell Simpson joined by experience.
- Oct. 15, 1870 Sister Elizabeth Meeks granted letter of dismission. Alen Atteberry and wife joined by experience.
- Dec. 17, 1870 2 members joined at Bro. Wm. Nunn's and order the names inroled at the proper place on Church Book. (Note: no names given.)
- Feb. 1871 Church take up a charge against Bro. Pridi Meeks for not filling his seat on days of meeting and appoints the following brothers to visit said brother, to wit: Bros. John Murphy, Nathing Renfrow and Epragm Friend. Balus Odell, Clerk, I. Caudle, Mod.
- Mar. 18, 1871 Bro. Pridi Meeks excluded from the fellowship.
- June 17, 1871 Sister Mariah Watkins joined by experience and Sister Mary Smith by letter.
- July 15, 1871 Bro. Thomas Reed granted letter of dismission.
- Oct. 14, 1871 Sister Matilda Cowsay (?) joined by letter.
- Dec. 16, 1871 Church agrees to give Sister Martha Bleset \$500 (must be \$5.00) for taking care of the church house one year.
- July 20, 1872 Church releases Bro. John Murphey from the deaconship and apoint Bro. Jeferson Murphey to fill the vacancy.
- Aug. 1872 Bro. Charles Wheeler joined by experience.
- Oct. 19, 1872 Bro. H. R. Wade joined by letter. Received a letter from Little Flock church by the hand of Bro. Stout Atteberry to investigate a matter with them. Church agrees to send Jeferson Murphey, I. Codel and B. Odell.
- Nov. 1872 Church called Elder P. Wooton to take the pastorial care of the church for one yeare.
- Apr. 19, 1873 Bro. Jepsey (?) Martin granted letter of dismission.
- July 19, 1873 Elder Slad Smith received by letter. Bro. J. Martin granted letter of dismission also Bro. J. Murphy and wife.

- Aug. 16, 1873 Bro. Odell acknowledges a wrong and was forgiven.
- Sept. 20, 1873 Received a letter from Little Flock Church by the hands of Bros. Joseph Chrast and James Chrast requesting us to visit them at their Oct. Meeting.
- Oct. 19, 1873 Sister Nancy Hall made her acknowledgments and was forgiven and restored to fellowship and a letter of dismission was granted.
- Feb. 14, 1874 Received by experience Sister Almarine Musgrave.
- Mar. 1874 Church authorize the Clerk to enrol the names of some members not received at the church, towit: Samuel Musgrave and Mary Musgrave.
- Apr. 1874 Sister Eliza Odell joined by experience. Church take up a charge against Bro. John Murphey and wife for non attendance their regular meetings. Appoint the following named brethren to visit them towit: Isham Caudle, Balus Odell, Ephram Friend. Received a letter from Little Flock by the hand of Bro. Joseph Crask requesting us to visit at their May meeting. Church granted letters of dismission to Bro. Nathan Renfro and Nancy, his wife; Bro. Samuel Musgrave, Sister Almarine, his wife; also Sister Mary M. Musgrave.
- May 1874 Church excludes Bro. John Murphey and Porcilear, his wife. B. Odell, Clk: Elder J. Wootin, Mod. (Note: Porcilear Priscilla (?))
- At this point the church book was full, Have not been able to locate the later books. Mr. Upchurch had the bet books, and later Mrs. Homer Davis, his step-granddaughter had them. She gave them to Asa Wilson, who was going to put the books "where they could be seen, but not taken away". Asa Wilson died in 1962, and I have found no one who knows what he did with the books. We have checked the Fairfield Library, Wayne Co. Historical Society, the library and historical society at Carmi, Ill., also the Historical Commission of the Baptist Churches at Nashville, Tenn. Anyone have any ideas where else to look?

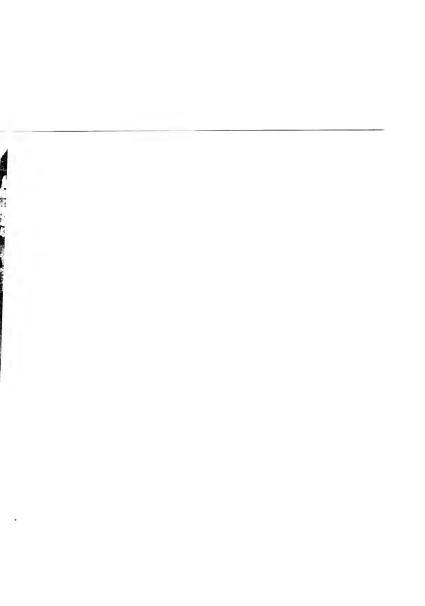


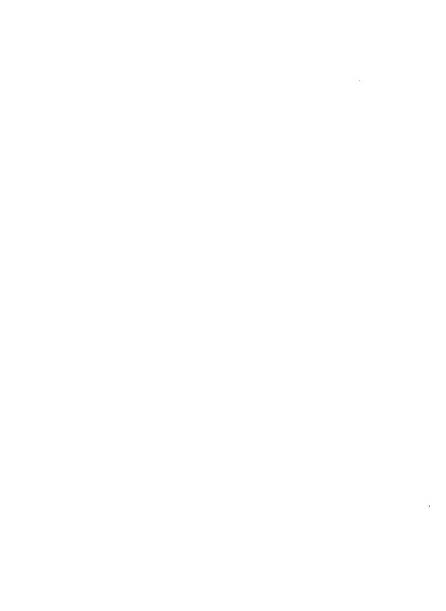




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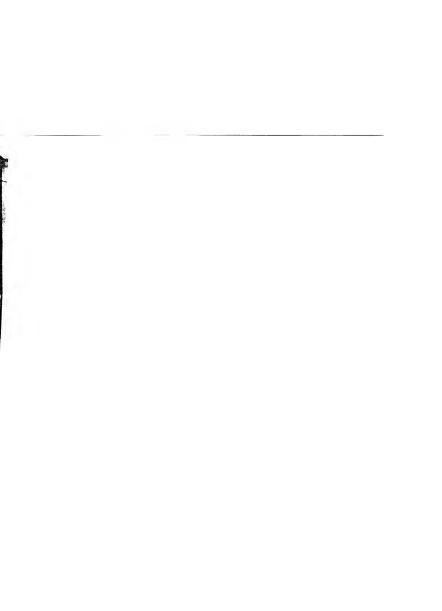






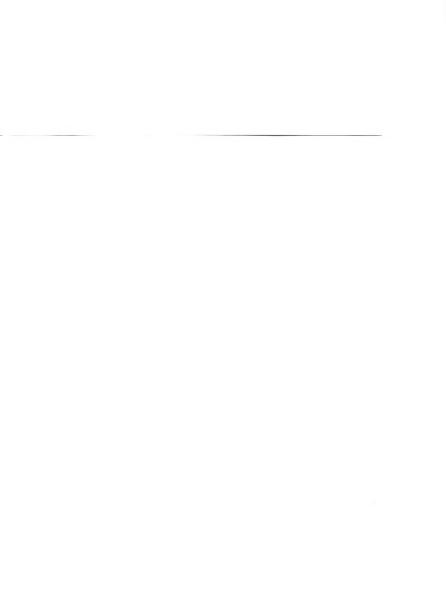
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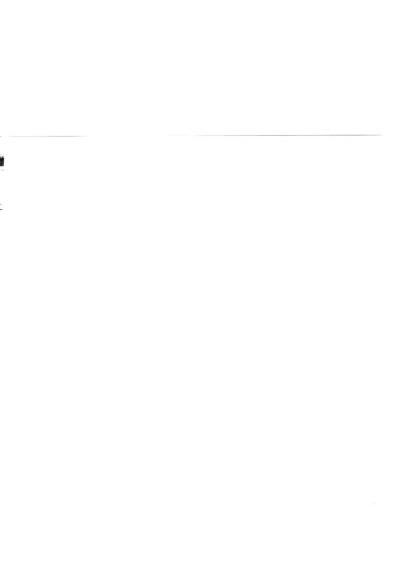


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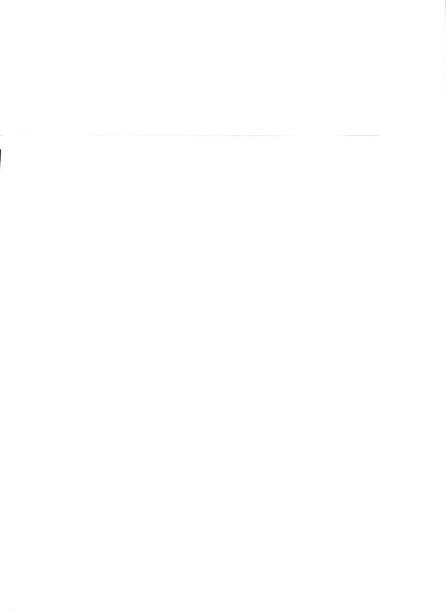


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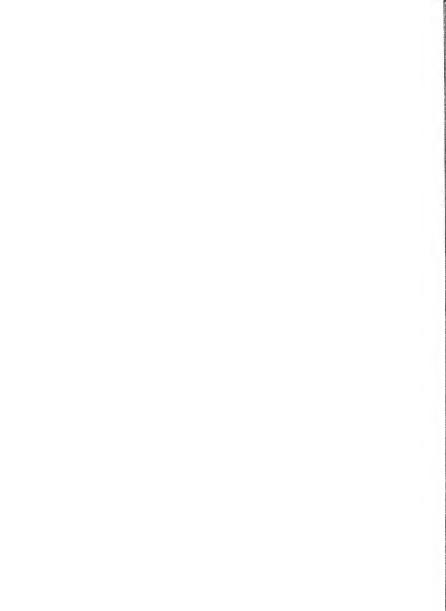
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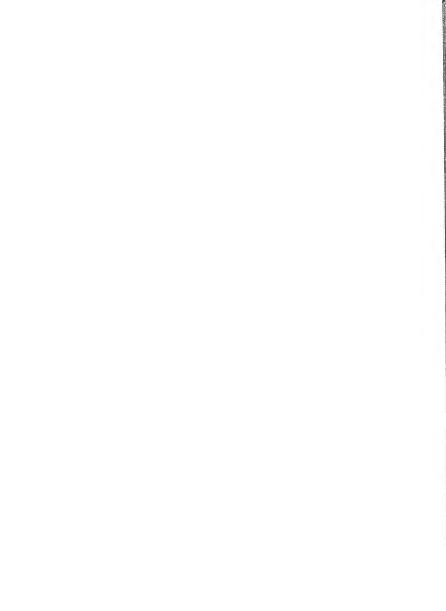
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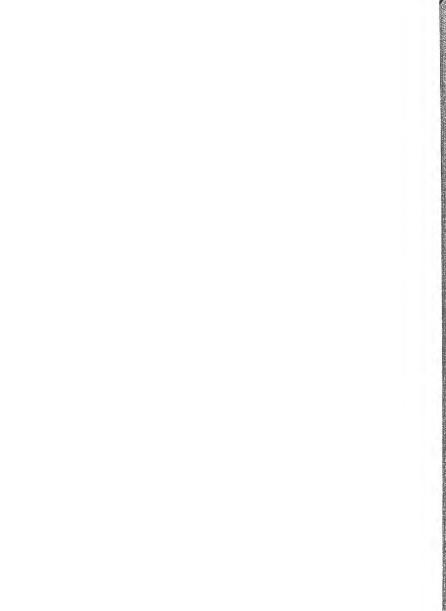






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